

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Minutes

September 16, 2019

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

BOOT Mission Statement:

"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through provision of health care services."

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/OPEN SESSION ATTENDANCE: September 2019

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	TRACEY ELLIS, VICE CHAIR	Present
	ROXANNE ARNEAUD, MEMBER	Present
	GILLIAN RAI, MEMBER	Present
	CHARLES BOND, RRT, MEMBER	Present
	ANTHONY ROBERSON CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
STAFF:	AISHA NIXON—EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH— HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	LEONARD HOWARD-INVESTIGATOR	Absent
	GREGORY SCURLOCK —COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Present
	DIANE MOORER — IT SUPPORT	
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ. — ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
Visitors	NONE	

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OS-0916-01	<p><u>AGENDA ACCEPTANCE</u></p> <p>Ms. Roxanne Arneaud made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Dr. Gillian Rai seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0916-02	<p><u>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The Board agreed to have the next meeting on its scheduled date of December 16, 2019.</p> <p>Ms. Tracie Ellis also brought up the discussion of an OT who had enquired if pelvic floor therapy was within the scope of practice for DC. The board agreed to inform the OT that it was and once she had adequate training in that modality would be ok to practice.</p>	
OS-0916-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon reported that OT licensure renewal will end on 9/30/2019 and then there will be a 60 day grace period where licensee can still renew with a late fee of \$85. She also reported that under the OT Board there are currently 4 active Dance Therapists, 875 Occupational Therapists, 73 Occupational Therapy Assistants and 40 Recreational Therapists.</p> <p>The Board had a discussion on whether to keep the Dance Therapists under the OT Board. They agreed to have Ms. Nixon to have a discussion with Dr. Lewis on the possibility of moving Dance Therapy to the Professional Counselling Board since they are about to start regulating Art Therapist. An update about this would be provided at the December Board meeting. The Board also discussed the survey from AOTA regarding Dry Needling and agreed that even though not specified in the DC regulations. OT's who have had advanced training or certification in the modality would be allowed to practice it.</p>	
OS-0916-04	<p><u>Board ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>The 10% public health CEU requirement has been finalized in the OT regulations since July 2019. It will be required at during the 2021 renewal. It's still pending for OTAs and Recreation Therapists.</p>	1.
OS-0916-05	<p><u>REGULATION</u></p> <p>Board Action: Review of regulatory provisions concerning national certification/Re-entry.</p> <p>Motion: The Board agreed to update the regulations to require current NBCOT certification in good standing for re-licensure and reactivation for over 5 years, and also to have a language in the regulations regarding emerging modalities and the need for OTs to have the required training in any such modality before engaging in the practice.</p>	

OS-0916-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Ms. Roxanne Arneaud made a motion to approve the June open session minutes. Dr. Gillian Rai seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0916-07	<p><u>MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT</u></p> <p>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant of the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations</p> <p>Motion: Ms. Roxanne Arneaud made a motion to approve the June open session minutes. Dr. Gillian Rai seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2019

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